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GENEVA FOR AMBASSADOR CARTER

E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: MARR, LI, WA

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR LIBERIAN FORCES FOR UN SUPPORT IN NAMIBIA

- 1. DURING THE COURSE OF A FAREWELL CALL ON PRESIDENT TOLBERT BY MILMIS CHIEF COLONEL HUNTER, IN THE COMPANY OF MINISTER OF DEFENSE HOLDER AND CHARGE, HOLDER MENTIONED THAT GOL WOULD APPRECIATE SUPPORT FOR LIBERIAN TROOPS WHICH GOL IS CURRENTLY CONSIDERING SUPPLYING FOR THE UN NAMIBIAN PEACE-KEEPING FORCE.
- 2. PRESIDENT TOLBERT SAID THAT UNSYG HAD ASKED HIM IN KHARTOUM DURING THE RECENT OAU MEETING IF LIBERIA WOULD BE ABLE TO SEND TROOPS. TOLBERT SAID HE WISHED TO REPLY POSITIVELY TO WALDHEIM'S REQUEST BUT THAT IN ORDER TO DO SO SOME ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR LIBERIAN TROOPS. HE THEN LOOKED AT CHARGE AND SAID HE HOPED "SOME WAY WILL BE FOUND" FOR THIS.
- 3. WE ASKED FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON THE WALDHEIM REQUEST--THE SIZE AND NATURE OF DETACHMENT WHICH CONFIDENTIAL

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GOL IS CONSIDERING SENDING, THE NATURE OF EQUIPMENT THAT WOULD BE NEEDED, ETC., ALL OF WHICH HOLDER SAID WOULD BE GIVEN TO US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

4. THIS IS THE FIRST WE HAVE HEARD OF ANY REQUEST FOR GOL TROOPS IN NAMIBIAN PEACE KEEPING OPERATION. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT CAN OFFER.

5. FOR GENEVA. TOLBERT NOTED THAT FOREIGN MINISTER DENNIS AND AMBASSADOR CARTER ARE BOTH IN GENEVA AT THIS TIME. HE SAID HE EXPECTED DENNIS TO BE SPEAKING DIRECTLY WITH AMBASSADOR ON THIS SUBJECT WHILE THEY ARE THERE.

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